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1. OVERALL GREEK PRESS COMMENT ON THE RESUMED SEVENTH SESSION OF THE UN LOS CONFERENCE HAS BEEN MINIMAL TO DATE, ONLY NOTHING THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE RESUMED SESSION AND IDENTIFYING THE GREEK DELEGATION.
 2. ONE ISSUE OF CONCERN TO GREECE HAS, HOWEVER, CROPPED UP INDIRECTLY TWICE IN PRESS REPORTING ABOUT THE CONFERENCE. AN INITIAL SPATE OF STORIES DATED IN NEW YORK AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CONFERENCE NOTED TURKISH CONCERN THAT GREECE MIGHT ATTEMPT TO EXTEND ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS TO 12 MILES. THE SAME POINT WAS AGAIN MADE IN LEFTIST OPPOSITION PROINI ELEFTHERTOTYPIA ON AUGUST 30.
 3. PRO-GOVERNMENT AKROPOLIS, IN A SLIGHTLY LONGER AUGUST 30 STORY DATED IN ANKARA, QUOTED THE TURKISH PAPER
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TERCUMAN AS REPORTING FROM NEW YORK THAT GREECE IS MAKING EFFORTS TO INSCRIBE THE MATTER OF EXTENDING HER TERRITORIAL WATERS IN THE AEGEAN TO 12 MILES ON THE CONFERENCE AGENDA. ACCORDING TO THE AKROPOLIS ACCOUNT, THE TURKISH DELEGATION WILL "CATEGORICALLY REJECT" THE GREEK REQUEST. THE ARTICLE PREDICTED "INTENSE DISCUSSIONS" BETWEEN THE GREEK AND TURKISH DELEGATIONS

ON THE MATTER OF THE AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF.
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